houses among the ancient buildings. These houses should be removed and the monuments should be consolidated and restored. It is not at all certain that the plan adopted by the authorities for the improvement of this site meets all these needs or gives sufficient attention to the appropriate presentation of the principal monuments.

In conclusion, we must draw attention to the quite outstanding interest of the great group formed by the Roman theatre and the Arab citadel.[1] The two buildings, equal in beauty, are intimately connected. The thirteenth-century engineers, with their great square towers and rustic work, encircle the caves of the theatre, while a building intended as a storehouse, consisting of three storeys of great vaulted rooms, one above the other, has been built on the orchestra. The Directorate of Antiquities has recently carried out large-scale excavation work to clear the tiered seats and the stage as far as possible. We feel that bolder action is necessary and that the huge block of masonry obstructing the interior of the caves, which is of no great interest in itself, should be demolished. This would restore a splendid ancient monument in its entirety, without serious detriment to the Moslem citadel. The Roman theatre at Bosra is one of the largest, most beautiful and most complete of those that still remain. Moreover, it has a number of noteworthy features, in the structure of the sloping arches supporting the tiers, the arrangement of the small stairways leading to the latter, and the wonderful ornamentation of the *frons scenae*. The towers of the Arab citadel are also a magnificent example of medieval military architecture. If the work we have suggested were done, both buildings, instead of detracting from each other as they do at present, would be seen to greater advantage. Together, they would be an outstanding attraction for tourists.

The region of Bosra and the Jebel Druze, which can be reached quite easily from Damascus, should be much better known. The establishment of a rest-house inside the citadel of Bosra itself and the improvement of accommodation facilities at Suaida would involve little cost and make visits much easier.

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